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In re Application of	:	
Eberhard, Fritz, et al.	:	
Application No. 10/018,623	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 22, 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No. 3993-002	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed December 21, 2006, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.8(b), requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to a Notice of Allowance and Fees Due on or before May 10, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on August 3, 2006. In response, on December 21, 2006, the present petition was filed. While petitioner request that the abandonment be withdrawn, a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was also filed.

Petitioner indicates that the issue fee was timely filed using a certificate of mailing dated May 10, 2006. In support petitioner provides a copy of the Issue Fee transmittal letter, which bears a certificate of mailing dated May 10, 2006, and a copy of the facsimile transmission receipt therefor.

The file record does not include the originally submitted paper. Failure to receive correspondence which includes a certificate of mailing or certificate of facsimile transmission is addressed in 37 CFR 1.8(b), reproduced below:

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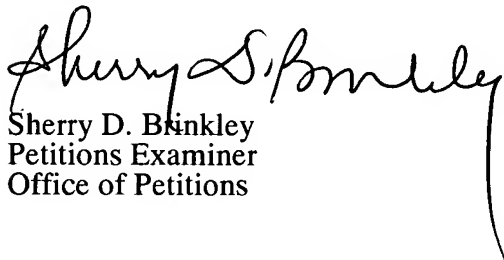
The petition satisfies the above requirements of 37 CFR 1.8(b). Accordingly, the holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a reply to the Notice of Allowance and Fee Due is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

The petition under 1.137(b) is dismissed as moot. Under the circumstance, no petition fee was charged to counsel's deposit account.

The copy of the reply received with the petition will be accepted in place of the reply shown to have transmitted by facsimile on May 10, 2006.

The application is being referred to the Office of Publications to be processed into a patent.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Telephone inquiries related to processing at Publishing Division should be directed to (571) 272-4200.



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